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SITE: James River Mill #8
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OTHER: 556518

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (HBS)
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Re: CRWSC - Fitchburg
James River Mill #8
Westminster Street

Attention: Nancy Smith,
Site Assessment Manager

DEP ID #2-0038
EPA MAD065777344

Recommendation for Archive

Dear Ms. Smith:

This letter is in reference to the Former James River Mill #8 located at 701 Westminster Street, Fitchburg, Massachusetts. This site is listed in CERCLIS and has been the subject of the Federal site assessment program. Under the Multi-Site Cooperative Agreement the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") reviews the CERCLIS inventory of sites. MassDEP makes recommendations to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding whether the state has sufficient regulatory involvement at the sites to provide for reduced EPA oversight. The program activities include conducting audits and other reviews under the state program and recommending archival of those sites that require no further action under the federal program might also involve a request to EPA to defer actions to the state's solid or hazardous waste programs.

The James River Mill facility was listed in the Bureau of Waste Site Cleanup's (BWSC's) database of locations to be investigated and confirmed hazardous waste sites as Disposal Site Number 2-0038 under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP). The site was originally listed on January 15, 1987, as an undetermined site. On September 3, 1993, the Department designated the facility as a No Further Action site.

MassDEP's database indicates that a release of both hazardous materials and oil occurred, however a review of available file documents indicates that a release of 40 – 50 gallons of #6 fuel oil from a ruptured oil heat exchanger to a wastewater treatment system pond took place on January 30, 1987. The pond was adjacent to the Nashua River. Environmental consultants investigated the river, but did not observe a petroleum sheen. When the ice surface melted on the pond sometime between January 30th and February 4th a further observation was made of the pond surface, but no petroleum was noted.

This information is available in alternate format. Call Donald M. Gomes, ADA Coordinator at 617-556-1057.

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MassDEP files also indicate that on May 15, 1979, a spill of approximately “100 gallons of chlorobutadiene [sic]” was released to the ground surface and 50 gallons entered the Nashua River. Remediation was conducted on the impacted soil.

No further action is planned at this site under the Massachusetts Contingency Plan.
Consequently, the Department recommends that the EPA designate the site, No Further Response Actions Planned, and archive it in CERCLIS.

Please contact Greg Root at the Central Regional Office at (508) 792-7653, Ext. 5017 if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



August 22, 2006

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